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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIA'S HEALTH PLAN

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1. THERE HAS BEEN CONFUSION HERE AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES A TURNKEY PROJECT FOR THE NIGERIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH. IN THE MINISTRY'S VIEW, A TURNKEY ON BASIC HEALTH UNITS INCLUDES EVERYTHING BUT THE DESIGN, AND THE DESIGN AND PLANNING HAVE ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT BY A BRITISH FIRM. NEEDED NOW ARE COMPANIES TO IMPLEMENT THE PLANS, I.E., CONSTRUCTION, INFRA-STRUCTURE, INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLY OF FURNISHINGS.

2. 450 BASIC HEALTH UNITS COMPRISING 450 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS, 1800 PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS, 90,000 HEALTH CLINICS, AND 2250 MOBILE CLINICS ARE CALLED FOR DURING THE PLAN PERIOD.

3. OFFICIAL SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THAT TENDERS WOULD BE ISSUED IN APRIL, BUT THIS PROJECTION MAY BE INACCURATE AS A RESULT OF RECENT CREATION OF SEVEN ADDITIONAL STATES.

4. ALSO PROPOSED ARE FOUR NEW TEACHING HOSPITALS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN PORT HARCOURT, JOS, KANO AND ILORIN. FOR THESE TEACHING HOSPITALS FIRMS SHOULD PROVIDE AN ENTIRE TURNKEY PACKAGE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION. WHEN THERE WERE 12 STATES, A TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR EACH STATE WAS PROPOSED. NOW THAT THERE ARE 29 STATES, PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN.

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